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ALTHOUGH THE FAILURE OF GOT TO NAME AN AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN
MAY HAVE HAD ITS ORIGINS IN DISPUTE OVER HOW MUCH CREDIT TURKEY
SHOULD RECEIVE FOR PLAYING MIDWIFE TO AFGHAN-PAK RAPPROCHEMENT,
THE REAL REASON, AT LEAST FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAS BEEN THE
INABILITY OF THE DEMIREL-LED COALITION GOVERNMENT TO REACH INTERNAL
AGREEMENT ON AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS. TURKEY'S REPRESENTATION IN
AFGHANISTAN HAS OBVIOUSLY SUFFERED;BUT THIS HAS NOT, UNFORTUNATELY,
BEEN UNIQUE. AS A RESULT OF INTRA-COALITION SQUABBLING 14
TURKISH EMBASSIES ARE WITHOUT AMBASSADORS. WE ANTICIPATE
THAT THE NEW ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE RAPIDLY TO FILL THESE
VACANCIES, AND A NEW TURKISH AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE ARRIVING IN
KABUL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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